

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 13-24 (canceled).

Claim 25. (new) An apparatus for producing consumable products having an outer shell comprising:

- a mold;
- a temperature-controlled ram having an axial bore;
means for selectively moving the temperature-controlled ram into and out of the mold;
- a displacement arm movably mounted within the axial bore of the temperature-controlled ram; and
means for selectively moving the displacement arm within the axial bore of the temperature-controlled ram and into and out of the mold.

Claim 26. (new) An apparatus for producing consumable products having an outer shell comprising:

- a mold;
- a temperature-controlled ram having an axial bore;
means for selectively moving the temperature-controlled ram into and out of the mold;
- a tube located within the axial bore and communicating with the mold;
- a source of gas connected to the tube; and
means for supplying gas from the source through the tube and

into the mold.

Claim 27. (new) An apparatus for producing consumable products having an outer shell comprising:

- a mold;
- a temperature-controlled ram comprising a porous internal space and a flexible sheath surrounding the porous internal space;
- means for selectively moving the temperature-controlled ram into and out of the mold;
- a source of cooling water under pressure; and
- means for feeding cooling water under pressure to the porous internal space of the temperature-controlled ram to expand the flexible sheath within the mold.

Claim 28. (new) An apparatus for producing consumable products having an outer shell comprising:

- a mold;
- a temperature-controlled ram comprising a porous internal space and a shell of rigid material surrounding the porous internal space, the shell is provided with a passage which communicates the porous internal space with the mold when the temperature-controlled ram is located in the mold, said passage is covered by a diaphragm;
- means for selectively moving the temperature-controlled ram into and out of the mold;
- a source of cooling water under pressure; and
- means for feeding cooling water under pressure to the porous internal space of the temperature-controlled ram for expanding the diaphragm into the mold.